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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION:

FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
Inquiry Concerning File Processing

REFERENCE: Letter from SSCI to DCI, dated  
30 April 1979 (Q#7753)

Concerning the issue raised in Reference by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), it should be noted that it is not Office of Security policy to make summaries for the purpose of permitting the destruction of original documents. Unless a file is destroyed in accordance with the approved Records Control Schedule, it is, and has always been, the policy of this Office to retain all pertinent information. Summaries are used for the purpose of facilitating review of a given situation, but they would never be considered as substitutes for the original material. In short, if we have a valid need for the summary, we have valid need for the original documents. Further, all such information as discussed in the Reference is maintained under strict need-to-know controls within the Office of Security.

Robert W. Gambino

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Remarks: To 6: Lyle Miller is attempting to clarify genesis of attached. Please consult him and develop coordinated comment to DCI. Prepare implementing instructions, if appropriate, as well as DCI comment to SCI.

Executive Secretary

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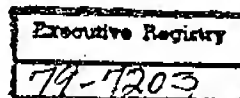
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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO Q#7753

Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505



Dear Stan:

As you know a few designated members of our Committee staff at our request have been examining CIA files relevant to complaints by some former CIA employees that they were the victims of false allegations and unfounded suspicions.

In the process, it has come to our attention that recommendations have been made within the CIA calling for destruction of documents and files containing original allegations, information on investigative actions that were proposed or undertaken, and information developed in the course of those investigations. According to these proposals, the information, some of it relating to counterintelligence and/or personnel security leads still unresolved, would disappear from the official records and a mere summary memo and cover sheet "will constitute the only future record".

It is our understanding that personnel security and counterintelligence information normally is treated as very sensitive, with special access limitations. It would seem that similar limitation of access could be imposed on Office of Security, CI Staff and other files relating to allegations of penetration and to relevant research and investigations. Accordingly, apart from any general hold or release from this Committee with reference to

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CIA files in general, we request specifically that no destruction take place, without prior approval of this Committee, of any documents or files containing personnel security or counterintelligence information dealing with leads to possible penetration and associated research and investigations. This specifically includes files of the Office of Security, the CI Staff, the Inspector General and relevant operational files of the Clandestine Service.

Sincerely,



Birch Bayh  
Chairman



Barry Goldwater  
Vice Chairman